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MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF WATER EMERGENCY Issued September 1, 2022

WHEREAS, Mayor Dean Esposito has determined that continuing drought conditions threaten the water supply of the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement such water conservation, preservation and use measures as are presently necessary to secure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, said authority is as set forth in City of Danbury Code of Ordinances Section 48-35 and 48-34, as well as by City Charter Section 4-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR HEREBY DECLARES A LIMITED STATE OF WATER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DANBURY.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED THAT SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 48-34(b) — as attached hereto - SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE DEEMED IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Danbury, its Mayor, Dean Esposito may take such action as necessary to protect public health and mitigate this emergency and that these orders are enforceable through immediate and lawful authority set forth in local and State law;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THAT this state of emergency shall exist until declared to be terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THAT this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the City of Danbury during regular business hours and shall be posted on the City website.

Signed and Dated by me

Honorable Dean Esposito
Mayor, City of Danbury

Date:

Sec. 48-34. - Emergency water conservation regulations.

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein.

Water means water from the City water supply system.

- (b) Water conservation regulations.
 - (1) No person shall use any hose, sprinkler or other device whatsoever, except a water can or receptacle, which utilizes the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City for the purpose of watering lawns, trees, shrubs, plants or gardens in the City.
 - (2) No person shall use the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City for ornamental or display fountains of any kind.
 - (3) No City fire hydrants are to be used except by the Fire Department, by authorized persons of the Department of Public Works or other persons with permission granted by the Superintendent of Public Utilities.
 - (4) No person shall use any hose, sprinkler or other device whatsoever which utilizes the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City for the purpose of washing any motor vehicle in the City, unless said person has a system of recirculating water used for such purposes.
 - (5) No person shall use any air conditioning system which utilizes the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City, unless such air conditioning has a system of recirculating water.
 - (6) No person shall use the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City for spraying or wetting down any roofs of any buildings in the City.
 - (7) No person shall use the water supply of the Department of Public Works of the City by flushing or wetting down any streets, sidewalks, driveways, or parking areas in the City.
 - (8) The escape of water through defective plumbing is hereby prohibited and the same shall mean the knowing permission for defective plumbing to remain out of repair.
 - (9) In the event of a declared state of water emergency, the Mayor may impose mandatory water conservation measures upon all commercial and industrial consumers. Such measures shall not require a reduction of more than fifteen (15) percent in the average monthly use by such consumers without the prior approval of the City Council. Average monthly use shall be calculated by dividing the user's total consumption for the immediately preceding twelvementh period by the numeral 12.
- (c) *Penalty.* Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties provided for in <u>section 1-8</u>.

(Code 1961, § 21-18; Ord. No. 72, 6-22-1966; Ord. No. 74, 8-2-1966; Ord. No. 306, 6-5-1984)